Preparation of enantiomerically pure aminoalcohols

## Abstract

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- 5 The invention relates to a process for preparing enantiomerically pure alcohol of the formula 1, which comprises
  - (i) reducing the ketone of the formula 3 to the racemic alcohol of the formula 4,
  - (ii) enantioselectively acylating the racemic alcohol of the formula 4 with succinic anhydride in the presence of a lipase to give the succinic semiester of the formula 7,
  - (iii) separating off the succinic semiester of the formula 7 from the unreacted enantiomer of the formula 4,
  - (iv) reacting the enantiomerically pure alcohol of the formula **4** with methylamine to give the enantiomerically pure alcohol of the formula **1**.